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USSR MODIFIES ITS LINE ON US KOREAN WAR ROLE

I. A recently published volume (39, 1 Mar 56) of the Great Soviet Encyclopedia shows a striking change in interpretation of the Korean War from an earlier volume (#22, 9 Sept 53).

A. The 1953 version, in highly vituperative language, charged US with outright aggression in Korea.

1. "The Aggression of the USA in Korea. The liberation war of the Korean people against the American imperialists. In the summer of 1950 the American imperialists passed over from preparation of aggression to direct acts of aggression. On 25 June the Syngman Rhee forces numbering up to 10 divisions, which had earlier been concentrated at the 38th parallel, upon the order of the commander of American forces in the Far East General MacArthur attacked North Korea. From the 27 of June American aviation and navy began barbaric bombardments of peaceful cities and villages."

2. The article listed among US aims:

- a. enslavement and plunder of Korean people;
- b. extraction of war profits by American monopolies;
- c. build-up of war hysteria;
- d. winning of Korea as staging area for attack on Communist China.

3. The UN resolutions on Korea are put down as "illegal and shameful" outcome of "American-English bloc"

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B. The 1956 version shows these differences:

In June 1950 the USA interfered in the civil war in Korea and then carried through in the UN a decision on the participation of states - members of the UN - in the war in Korea. However, the governments of several capitalist countries, having taken upon themselves the obligation of aiding the USA in Korea, under the pressure of public opinion were required to limit themselves fundamentally to insignificant measures of participation in the Korean war. The war in Korea was carried on mainly by American armed forces. Reactionary circles in the USA did not wish to reconcile themselves with the failure of their plans in China, which resulted from the victory of the Chinese peoples revolution (1949) and the rout of Chiang Kai-shek's forces. In June 1950 the American fleet invaded Chinese territorial waters around the island of Taiwan, and subsequently American armed forces in fact occupied Taiwan.

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